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MR. CHURCHILL'S RETURN.

Suffragette Scene.

There was a Suffragette scene at Victoria (South-Eastern and Chatham) Railway Station on the evening of Jan. 28th, on the arrival of Mr. Winston Churchill by the boat express from Dover.

The First Lord was about to enter his motor-car when a Suffragette rushed at him and said, "Mr. Churchill, what are you going to do for votes for women in 1914?" Apparently Mr. Churchill was undisturbed by the woman's attitude. Four plainclothes policemen, however, who came immediately to his assistance, got the woman away at once, and Mr. Churchill drove off.

The Suffragette was removed to the other side of the station platform, all the time protesting in a loud voice against the shameful way in which the Government was dealing with the question of women's suffrage. She was eventually released, and allowed to go.

EARNINGS OF AMERICAN STUDENTS.

Columbia University publishes a report which illustrates one of the greatest differences between English and American college life. The report deals with the vacation earnings of students. It appears that 402 men made over £10,000. One man was successively bootblack, mason, plasterer and painter, and agricultural labourer. Another worked in a land agent's office all day and over the counter of an ice-cream soda emporium by night. Another personally conducted a party to Europe. Another was mate on a yacht. Another looked after caddies on a golf course. Another worked as a milkman, and so on.

This habit is universal throughout the United States. Columbia itself is one of the best American Universities, and even at Yale and Harvard tutoring is by no means the only means adopted by men who sometimes have to find all their college expenses, or at least, materially to supplement an exiguous allowance.

The unemployment in Germany is the worst since 1908. The Socialists claim that there are 1,200,000 men idle, but the Conservatives estimate the number at 900,000. The demand for the establishment of insurance against unemployment is increasing, but Herr Delbrueck (Minister for the Home Office) states that statistical material for the introduction of an Imperial system does not exist, and, moreover, the Government is opposed to the idea because it would relieve the funds of the Socialist and trade unions and enable the latter to divert the money to politics.

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Re-exports for the year (1913, £355,718) showed a decrease of £2,861,978, 1.8 per cent. It appears that the greatest expansion in exports has taken place under the head of manufactured goods. This heading is more than £200,000,000 in advance of the corresponding heading for the previous year. The advance in manufactured cotton goods amounts to £4,083,681. The figures for the closing month of the year were not altogether satisfactory, owing to a large decrease in imports, amounting to £2,050,051, or 3.9 per cent., of which £2,344,783 is in raw cotton. Exports for the month, however, showed an increase of £1,807,882, or 4.5 per cent.

Turning to the figures which relate particularly to the Far Eastern trade of the United Kingdom, a review of the year's results shows that this section has participated in the general expansion. Taking the value of goods as the standard, it will be seen under exports that cotton yarn shipments to the Dutch East Indies and the Straits Settlements rose £7,000 and £23,000 respectively compared with 1912. Exports to China and Hongkong, however, fell off some £20,000. As regards, however, the great staple of our trade with the countries of Eastern Asia, cotton piece goods, the advance here is a very considerable one, and may well give satisfaction to Lancashire manufacturers. Following another good increase in the month of December, our export of these goods to China exhibits a rise in value in the whole year of over £3,000,000 as compared with 1912, and of not far short of £2,000,000 as against 1911. Sales to the Dutch East Indies also expanded to the extent of £300,000, to the Straits Settlements £100,000, and to Siam £100,000. As against this, Japan's purchases fell off to the extent of nearly £400,000, and exports to the Philippine Islands also show a shrinkage.

Our linen piece goods trade with the Dutch East Indies improved very slightly, but shipments to Japan have been rapidly falling off in the last two years, and last year's figures show a decline again of nearly £400,000. Coming to woollen and worsted tissues, Japan has here proved a considerably better customer than in the previous year, whereas in the case of China the totals are returning a little nearer to the old level after the boom of 1912. The silk broad stuffs trade with the same two countries shows an improvement. In view of the reports concerning the projected building of foreign soap factories in China—with an eye apparently to the possible raising of the Chinese Customs tariff—we may note that soap to a value of £149,000 was exported thither from this country last year, this being a decline of £22,000 on the previous twelve months.

More coal was sent to the Straits, and considerably larger supplies of the fertiliser, sulphate of ammonia, to the Dutch East Indies and Japan. Indeed, this trade has grown in the case of Japan to a value of over £1,500,000. We sent smaller supplies of ship, bridge, and boiler plates, and of black sheets to Japan, but that nation's purchases of textile machinery were doubled in value, and reached what appears to be a record figure. China has also considerably increased her demand for this machinery.

As regards the other figures dealing with metals and metal manufactures, decreases are recorded for Japan in the case of pig and wrought iron, and galvanised and corrugated sheets, but an important increase is shown in the case of tinmed plates and sheets. China took more zinc or yellow metal, wrought iron bars, etc., tinmed plates and sheets, lead, and old iron and steel. A general increase is also shown in exports to the Straits Settlements, where we have sent larger supplies of steel bars and angles, iron or steel rails (increase £100,000), various manufactures of steel and iron, rail locomotives and other prime movers (increase in each case £30,000), unenumerated machinery (increase £70,000), galvanised and corrugated sheets (increase £20,000), and bone and tallow (an increase of £44,000).

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Silk from the same country also exhibits a decline of £150,000, whereas larger supplies arrived from Japan. Practically no sugar came from the Far East last year. As regards rubber, the value of imports from the Straits and the Federated Malay States shows little difference as compared with the figures of the previous twelve months, whereas the actual quantities received rose 100,000 cwt. of lbs. in the former case and 80,000 cwt. in the case of the Federated Malay States.

Rubber imports from the Straits alone were almost equal to our imports of the Brazilian product. Hemp shipments from the Philippines fell off 19,000 tons in quantity, but the higher prices ruling make the total value (£2,000,000) slightly higher than in 1912. Considerably less soy beans came to hand.

Straits tin exhibits an increase in both quantity and value. The billion figures reveal a big shrinkage in the flow of silver to China, though the shipments were still considerable.

FRENCH BUDGET.

Economies of £2,000,000.

Paris, Wed. Night Jan. 7.

M. Caillaux triumphantly announces that he has succeeded in effecting £2,000,000 economy upon his year's Budget by severe retrenchment carried out under his order by a revision of various estimates made during the Christmas holidays. "This is a handsome New Year present for France," says 'Le Radical.' The savings in question still leave a deficit of £29,760,000. Moreover, some of the economies effected seem problematical.

The four Government departments which have succeeded in retrenching are the Ministries of Justice, Trade, and Public Works, and the Home Office. Upon the administration of justice about £20,000 has been saved by the postponement of increases in the staff. Upon public works the economy realised of nearly £80,000 includes half that amount obtained by reducing the estimated deficit on the working of State railways, and £20,000 by the postponement of harbour works. The Home Office has managed to save £172,000 by postponement of expenditure on poor relief.

In short, most of the economies look as if they might work out only on paper. However, the Government will 'further affirm and develop' its policy of retrenchment ultimately. In the meantime the deficit remains, and M. Caillaux gives no indication of the date or manner of the loan which must some day be issued.

'Daily Telegraph.'

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His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class.	Tonn.	Gun.	I.H.P.	Commander.	Last report to
Alacrité	despatch-vessel	1550	2	8000	Comdr. Archibald Cochrane	Hongkong
Atlas	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	—	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. B. S. Pritchard	Shanghai
Britomart	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. W. H. Darwall	Shanghai
Calamus	torpedo boat	1070	6	1400	Capt. H. P. E. T. Williams	Shanghai
Chalmers	torpedo boat	680	4	700	Lt. H. T. England	Hongkong
Chorub	water tank and tug	390	—	300	—	Hongkong
Olio	aloop	1070	4	1400	Comdr. Colin Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Shanghai
Colos	tugs to boat destroyer	550	4	7500	Lt. M. R. Birkett	Hongkong
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	8	5700	Lt. C. M. Blackman	Hongkong
Hampshire	cruiser, 1st class	10,850	10	20,500	Capt. M. R. Hill	Canton
Jo	torpedo boat destroyer	560	4	7500	Lt. G. F. A. Mulock	Hongkong
Kennet	torpedo boat destroyer	560	4	7500	Lt. E. K. Boddam-Whetham	Hongkong
Kinsha	river gunboat	316	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. H. D. Marryat	Yangtze
Merlin	aloop	1040	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. Gibson	Hongkong
Minstrel	cruiser, 1st class	14,500	—	27,000	Capt. E. B. Kiddle	Hongkong
Moorhen	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	West River
Nowcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4800	13	23,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Shanghai
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. Malcolm Murray	Yangtze River
Ribble	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Lt. R. W. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Rosario	depot ship, submarines	980	—	1400	Lt. F. A. N. Cromie	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. I. A. S. Hutton	West River
Suise	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Maurice B. Leale	Yangtze River
Tamar	receiving ship	4650	—	—	Commodore R. H. Anstruther, C.M.G., Hongkong	—
Thal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. Hon. G. Stopford	Upper Yangtze River
Thetis	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. H. R. N. Cottrell-Darmer	Canton
Triumph	battleship	11,985	18	12,500	Capt. P. Streetfield, M.V.O.	Hongkong
Uk	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Hongkong
Welland	torpedo boat destroyer	590	—	7500	Comdr. Seymour	Hongkong
Widgeon	river gunboat	195	2	800	Lt.-Com. J. C. F. Borrett	Upper Yangtze River
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Com. M. Blackwood	Yangtze River
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Yangtze River
Yamou t	light cruiser	3250	—	22,000	Capt. H. L. Cochrane	Hongkong
C38	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. F. J. McGillevie	Hongkong
C37	submarine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. J. Galmes	Hongkong
C38	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. R. K. C. Pope	Hongkong
C35	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Handley	Hongkong
C36	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Barton	West River
C37	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Nicol	West River
C38	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. H. W. Seymour	Hongkong

* Flagship of Vice-Admiral T. H. M. Jernam, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief.

Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and description.	Tonn.	gun.	H.P.	Captains.	Last report to
Kaiserin Elisabeth	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Makovits	Hongkong
Dupleix †	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Daveluy	Hongkong
Kleber	French armoured cruiser	9700	13	19,600	Capt. Gout	Saigon
Montcalm	French flagship	9600	—	—	Capt. de Vaissan	Hongkong
Decidée	French gunboat	645	10	7000	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus	French river gunboat	280	6	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	French gunboat	135	7	500	Lieut. de Jorville	Canton
Falho	French gunboat	180	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tientsin
Dondard de Lagras	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Dutoit	Tientsin
† Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerfela, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Boinix	Saigon
Protée	French sub-marine	—	—	—	—	Saigon
* Styx	French armoured gunboat	1798	10	1700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronde	French destroyer	350	7	303	Lieut. Aurille	Saigon
Iberville	French destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Roussin	Saigon
Pictet	French destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessier	Saigon
Mouquet	French destroyer	307	6	300	—	Saigon
Manche	French surveying-ship	1625	10	8000	Comdr. Voisin	Saigon
* Flagship of Capt. (Commodore) Boudant, Commanding the local defence Indo China						
London	German cruiser	3600	3	3,500	Capt* v. Rostroff	Hongkong
Gneisenau	German armoured cruiser	11,600	—	1,000	Captain Brunnighaus	Tientsin
Hela	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. v. Gehen	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Capt. Vanselow	Tientsin
Leipzig	German cruiser	3250	24	11,000	Capt. Behnke	Tientsin
Luchs	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Bendemann	Tientsin
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	12,200	Capt. Mörnberger	Tientsin
Otter	German river gunboat	—	2	—	Capt. Lieut. Fille	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German flagship	11,600	36	26,000	Capt. von Schultz	Tientsin
S. 90	German torpedo-boat	400	5	6500	Capt. Lieut. Barrenberg	Tientsin
Taku	German torpedo-boat	280	4	6000	Obit. z. S. Casseen	Tientsin
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Böcker	Tientsin
Tsingtau	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. von Miller	Canton
Waterhand	German river gunboat	223	4	500	Obit. z. S. Prius	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	4145	—	—	Comdr. Sommi Piccardi	Shanghai
Adamastor	Portuguese cruiser	1757	—	—	Capt. Antbal de S. Dias	Macao
Macao	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
	Portuguese gunboat	700	—	—	Captain José de Carvalho Orato	Macao

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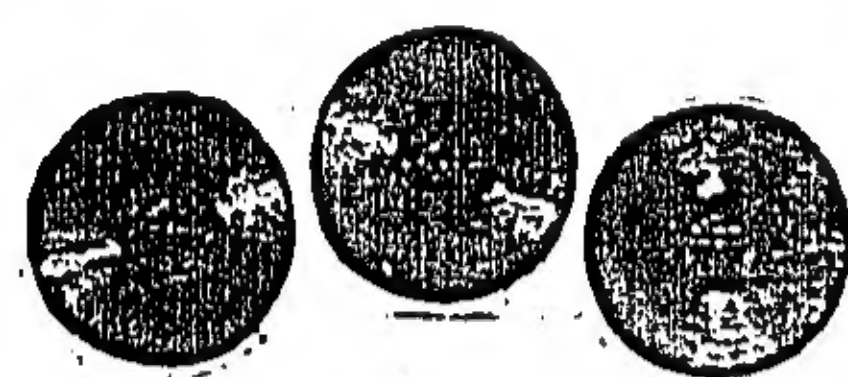
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Hongkong, July 22, 1913.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

According to the old Chinese calendar, today marks the commencement of spring.

While helping to extinguish a grass fire at Shaukiwan a Chinese incurred severe injuries to his right arm and was conveyed to the Hospital.

Mr. W. T. Edwards of 16, Kennedy Road, has reported to the Police that at 9 a.m. yesterday during his absence, a person stole from his shed a leader suit valued at \$20.

A Bill to be introduced into tomorrow's meeting of the Legislative Council to provide for the regulation of the burning of human remains and to allow of the establishment of Crematoria.

Mr. Hazeland has sanctioned the release of the premises, 149 Queen's Road East, where a fire recently occurred. There will be no enquiry.

Eighty dollars were stolen between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday from a room at 22, 1/2, Fung Street. A broken pane of glass showed the thief's means of ingress. He also took a wristwatch valued at \$3.

The Kulan Mining Administration's figures for the week ending 24th January amounted to 20,780.17 tons and the sales during the period, to 40,760.71 tons.

Lieut. Thickness, of the R.G.A., reports that some person stole from his quarters at the Gun Club, Kowloon, between the 1st and 2nd inst., a metal watch valued at \$18.

The Commission recently appointed to look into the case of Harry Thaw has adjudged the latter sane. This means that Thaw will be obliged to serve his term of imprisonment.

We are glad to hear, says "Church Notes," that the Church Missionary Society has received an anonymous donation of £1,000 for St. John's Hostel in connection with the Hongkong University.

At 9.30 a.m. yesterday morning a fire occurred at 44A, Queen's Road, West, caused by a mosquito curtain becoming ignited while the inmates were burning joss sticks. The damage was estimated at \$20.

The R. M. S. P. Company's new steamship the "Cardigan" is in port on her maiden trip. With a gross tonnage of 9,426 she is the first of a number of vessels the Company is building for the Pacific trade.

The hearing of the habeas corpus proceedings in regard to the requisition for the extradition of Cheung Sau Nam, a former Canton official, concluded yesterday after occupying nearly three weeks. Their Lordships the Chief Justice and Justice Jorda reserved their decision. No cases were heard in the Supreme Court today.

The Police had their usual weekly handiwork yesterday at the King's Park range for silver spoons. There was a good muster but the shooting was severely interfered with by wind and the light also was bad. The successful winners were: Mr. McLennan 92 (possibly 105) Inspector Gordon 83 P. C. Brooke 81.

The Peking papers state that an appeal has been lodged by Messrs. Prager and Matthews on behalf of Mr. Max Pocht, the Chief Officer of the H.A.L. steamer Sienia, against the fine of \$15 imposed upon him at Peking in December for assaulting a constable and for abetting the escape of a Chinese prisoner.

On the arrival of the P. and O. mail steamer Egypt at Penang, a European steward was taken ashore, it being suspected that he was suffering from small-pox. He was subsequently conveyed to the Quarantine Station. The Egypt was placed in quarantine. Her departure was postponed till 4.30, owing to the fact that she was unable to go alongside the wharf.

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held yesterday afternoon to consider an application from a Japanese for a licence but as there was not a quorum present the business could not be proceeded with. Those who attended were the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. A. M. Thompson (Colonial Treasurer), Mr. Shalton Hooper and Mr. D. W. Craddock.

The French Admiral's steam barge was run down in the harbour and slightly damaged by one of the Naval Dockyard launches on Monday afternoon. The Admiral was on his way to pay an official call upon Captain Sten-fay of H.M.S. Triumph when the accident occurred, and in consequence of it returned to his ship without completing the call. We understand that an official apology for the accident has been tendered.

The sum of £50,000 a year is to be spent on lighting the Australian coast as soon as the lighthouse branch has properly organized staff. The part of the Australian coast which requires most lights is that within the Barrier Reef, coming down from North Queensland. It is proposed to erect lights at Clark Island, Piper Island, Chapman Island, Thil Island, Heath Reef, Dho Reef and Coquette Island. Then it is intended to provide a new light at West Point, in Tasmania, and to replace the Cape Schank light, in Victoria, are also to be undertaken.

TICKLING IN THE THROAT.
EVEN the lightest tickling or harshness in the throat may be the forerunner of a dangerous illness. It is at once with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

A PATHETIC STORY.

LITTLE GIRL TELLS OF HER FATHER'S DESERTION.

Father's run away and left us destitute, we have not had anything to eat and mammy wants to go back to California.

Around these few words is wound a pitiful story of a father's desertion. A bright nine-year-old girl in a dress that indicated that she had seen better days tripped up the Court steps this morning inquiring in a sobbing voice if that was the Court office.

Assured she was in the right building she revealed her interesting but disquieting story.

Daddy is a Chinaman," she said, "but mammy is an American. He brought us to Hongkong four months ago and now he has run away. Mammy is in rage and she is unable to come. We are starving."

Accidentally she mentioned she had a little baby brother.

With this the little girl was ushered into the court-room by Inspector Gerard and gained an audience with Mr. Hazeland to whom she repeated her pathetic story. She could not remember the name of the street in which her mother lived and Mr. Hazeland ordered the officer to have the fullest enquiries made.

TAI TAM TUK RESERVOIR.

Questions for the Government.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock has given notice to ask the Legislative Council meeting tomorrow a number of questions with reference to the construction of the Tai Tam Tuk reservoir which when completed will be larger than all the other water storage tanks in the Colony put together. The questions are appended:

1. Has the Government for the foundation of the main dam of the new Tai Tam Tuk reservoir been commenced yet? If so, when was it begun, and how far has such excavation proceeded?

2. What is the contract date for the completion of that reservoir? What is the contract penalty for delay in completion?

3. Has any half-yearly return of the work done on that reservoir been furnished to Members of Council, as promised by His Excellency the Governor at the meeting of this Council held on the 24th October, 1912? If not, why not?

4. With reference to the following statement of the Director of Public Works made at the said Meeting of Council:—"I trust that within two years from the present time the work will have reached such a stage as to enable us to derive some benefit from it in the way of an increased supply of water," does the Honourable Member desire now to qualify that statement, and if so, to what extent and for what reason?

5. Has the village in the prospective bed of the said reservoir been removed? If so, when? If not, why not? When will it be moved?

6. With reference to the additional service reservoir and storerooms at West Point, when is it anticipated that the construction of these works, for which \$150,000 has been provided in the Estimates for 1914, will be commenced?

WUHOW NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WUHOW, JAN. 30.
THE NEW YEAR.
Wuhow seems to have given itself over to celebrating the New Year. All business has been practically stopped for several days and the festival is being kept in quite the old-fashioned way. In this there has been a distinct change from last year. Then people tried to celebrate the new year under the foreign calendar, but there was evident dissatisfaction with this arrangement, especially among the business people.

It is very clear that the Chinese still cling to their own calendar and seem likely to adhere to it in the future.

I have been away from the port for a week or two, and return to find that some changes have taken place.

We notice that Dr. R. P. Hadden has been appointed to Fatsien and his place in the Wesleyan Mission is taken by Dr. W. E. Williams.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Tyson of the Standard Oil Company to Wuhow. Among the changes we note with great regret the removal of Mrs. George Banker from our midst by death. Mrs. Banker had been far from strong for some time and passed away quite suddenly while in hospital in Hongkong some days ago. She was a true Christian lady and a woman of wide sympathies. She was particularly interested in the work of the church and heartily supported every philanthropic effort to help the poor about here. She is deeply mourned by a large circle of friends.

THE WEATHER.
Rain is falling fast and it looks as if we are in for a spell of cooler weather. We are sadly used to the warm weather we have had recently for the time of year. We have really had a very warm winter so far and we all long for some bracing weather before the trying heat of spring comes upon us.

IN some ways business is very good, but we understand that some of the European shipping companies are feeling the effects of competition from the Chinese. It is to be hoped that when the higher reaches of the river are thoroughly opened up by motor boats, that business will be increased between Wuhow and the delta.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK'S REPORT.

The ninety-seventh report of the Directors, which is to be submitted at the ordinary half-yearly meeting at the City Hall on February 14, is as follows:—

Gentlemen.—The Directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the Bank, and balance sheet for the half-year ending 31st December, 1913.

The net profits for that period, including \$1,052,482.91, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$5,378,921.01.

The Directors recommend the transfer of \$50,000 from the profits and loss account to credit of the silver reserve fund, which fund will then stand at \$17,650,000.

They also recommend writing off Bank premises account the sum of \$300,000.

After making these transfers, and deducting remuneration to directors there remains for appropriation \$4,861,921.01, out of which the directors recommend the payment of a dividend of two pence, sterling per share, etc., \$240,000, and a bonus of five shillings sterling per share, etc., \$250,000, amounting in all to \$490,000, which at 1/11 3/16, the rate of the day, will absorb \$2,794,609.18.

The balance, \$2,067,311.85, to be carried to new profit and loss account.

STERLING RESERVE FUND.
The holding of £1,200,000 2 1/2 per cent. Consols has been written down by £12,000 to \$252,000, and now stands in the books at 71 "other sterling securities" have also been written down to the extent of about £12,000.

To effect these adjustments and maintain the fund at £1,500,000, sterling stock to the face value of £25,000 coming to 224 356 2s. 9d. were purchased and added to "other sterling securities," bringing the amount under that heading to £431,500 written down to £241,100.

This expenditure was met out of the earnings of the half-year.

THE HON. MR. DAVID LANDALE has been elected Chairman for the year 1914, and Mr. W. L. Pattenden deputy Chairman. Mr. F. Lieb and Mr. G. R. Laurence having resigned their seats on leaving the Colony, Mr. E. Goetz and Mr. C. Landgraf have been invited to fill the vacancies; these appointments require confirmation at this meeting.

The Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, W. L. Pattenden and Mr. S. H. Dodwell retire in rotation, but, being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.

ADVISORS.
The accounts have been audited by Mr. J. W. C. Bonner and Mr. F. Maitland who offer themselves for re-election.

STANLEY H. DODWELL, Chairman.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1914.

ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.
31st DECEMBER, 1913.

LIABILITIES.
Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000.00
Sterling Reserve Fund, £1,500,000 at ex 2/ 15,000,000.00
Silver Reserve Fund, 17,650,000.00
Marine Insurance Account 250,000.00
Notes in Circulation:—
(Authorized Issue against Securities and Coin deposited with the Crown Agents for the Colonies and their Trustees) 15,000,000.00
Additional Issue authorized by Hongkong Ordinances against Coin lodged with the Hongkong Government 9,839,191.00
Current Accounts:—
Savings 122,738,559.40
Gold, £5,445,173 14s. 7d. = 59,718,918.35
Fixed Deposits:—
Savings 72,637,760.10
Gold, £2,218,502 10s. 5d. = 43,095,433.15
Bills Payable:—
(Including Call Loans and Short-Sight Drawings on London Office against Bills Receivable and Bullion Shipments) 9,490,203.63
Draft on London Bankers 10,461,248.00
Consent to Accounts 12,506,680.88
Profit and Loss Account 5,378,921.01
Liabilities on Bills of Exchange 50,830,183
10s. 3d. of which £7,137,471 is 10s. 3d. has been paid up
\$408,554,905.56

ASSETS.
Cash \$43,679,286.77
Coin lodged with the Hongkong Government against authorized and/or consignment note circulation 15,000,000.00
Bullion in Hand and in Transit 5,555,983.81
Indian Government Rupees 1,367,919.12
Colonial and Other Securities 13,828,325.48
Sterling Reserve Fund Investments, viz.:—
£1,200,000 2 1/2 % Consols at 71 252,000.00
(of which £250,000 lodged with the Bank of England as Special Land and Special London Reserve) 250,000.00
£330,000 3 % Exchequer Bonds due 1930 at 93 306,900.00
£431,500 Other Sterling Securities written down to 341,100.00
at ex 2/ 15,000,000.00
Bills Discounted, Loans 141,684,623.07
Bills Receivable 147,922,278.34
Liabilities of Constituents for acceptances, per contra 12,506,680.88
Bank Premises 6,799,368.11
\$408,554,905.56

TURF TOPICS.

There was a record crowd at the Race Course this morning; interested spectators of the many training gallops done by the horses, the outside course was sticky after the rain which fell yesterday evening, and was also much cut up. The sand course was considerably faster than the grass. There had been little or no dew overnight. Short hurdles were on the grass course rail. A cold wind blew diagonally across the valley and the weather was dull, threatening more rain; which however had not come up to the time of writing. Our Wuchow correspondent reports heavy rain at that port, so the much needed showers may come soon.

Times taken this morning will be found on page 4.

GENERAL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

31st DECEMBER, 1913.

To Amounts Written Off:—
Remuneration to Directors \$ 15,000.00
To Dividend Account:—
Dividend £2 per share on 120,000 Shares 2,400,000.00
£240,000 at 1/11 3/16 2,454,097.06
Bonus 5/- per Share on 120,000 Shares 312,500.00
To Transfer to Silver Reserve Fund [200,000.00]
To Transfer to Bank Premises Account 300,000.00
To Balance forward to next half-year 2,067,311.85
\$5,378,921.01

By Balance of Undivided Profit, 31st Dec. 1913 \$2,067,311.85
By Amount of Net Profit for the Six Months ending 31st Dec. 1913, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, deducting all expenses and interest paid and due 3,324,438.16
\$5,378,921.01

STERLING RESERVE FUND.
To Balance, 31st Dec. 1913, £1,500,000 at ex 2/ \$15,000,000.00
By Purchase of Sterling Securities 15,000,000.00
\$15,000,000.00

By Balance 30th June, 1913, £1,500,000 at ex 2/ \$15,000,000.00
By Transfer from Profit and Loss Account 200,000.00
\$17,650,000.00

SILVER RESERVE FUND.
To Balance \$17,650,000.00
By Balance 30th June, 1913, \$17,650,000.00
By Transfer from Profit and Loss Account 200,000.00
\$17,650,000.00

ADVISORS.
N. J. Stubb, Chief Manager.
A. C. Hynes, Acting Chief Accountant.
Stanley H. Dodwell, Director.
David Landale, Director.
O. F. Frieland, Director.

We have compared the above Statement with the Books, Vouchers and Securities at the Head Office, and with the Returns from the various Branches and Agencies, and have found the same to be correct.

J. W. C. BONNER, Auditors.
F. MAITLAND, Auditors.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1914.

CORRESPONDENCE.
THE BIJOU THEATRE
(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I think for the sake of public health and public convenience the Sanitary Authority should put some restrictions to the overcrowding of Chinese during the 7.15 p.m. performance and sometimes at 9.15 p.m. The place is unsuitable for so many people, it being low and narrow, with no proper ventilation, and the air breathed there, surely must be detrimental to those who frequent the theatre. The Manager, or whoever is in charge, should give every facility for accommodating ladies, as I understand, some were rather impolitely treated of late.

Yours, F. BOO FULSICO.
Hongkong, 4 February, 1914.

SPORTING.
Hongkong Cricket Club.

The following will represent the H.K. C.C. in the League match against Kowloon C.C. at Kowloon on Saturday, 7th February. Play to commence at 2 p.m.

R. Hancock, (Captain), A. A. Claxton, P. R. Cobb, M. M. Mass, D. E. Donnelly, A. C. E. Miborough, R. Kennedy, S. S. Moore, P. E. Pearce, R. P. Thorsfield, and R. D. L. Wadehouse.

Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Fan Ling.

CHINA NEW YEAR CUP.
H. C. Sandford 85-13 72
Com. Beckwith 96-23 73
C. O. Br. Wn 99-20 79
C. Bewick 104-24 80
T. A. Loughlin 104-24 80
O. N. M. Hamilton 97-18 81
O. H. Tyrrell 100-18 82
44 entries.

RUNNING POOL, JANUARY.
H. C. Sandford 85-13 72
Capt. Torrie 83-10 73
S. H. Dodwell 87-14 73
Capt. Spicer 81-7 74
A. Ken Hughes 92-14 74
M. Mass 95-20 76
A. M. Thomson 97-20 76
M. Kivane 83-5 77
W. D. Kraft 80-18 78
D. H. Cobb 101-24 78
C. Bewick 96-16 80
C. H. Peel 96-16 80
O. H. P. Hay 97-18 81
O. N. M. Hamilton 97-18 81
O. H. Tyrrell 100-18 82
206 entries.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE SHANGHAI MURDER.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 4. Richard Neumann, the husband of the woman who was murdered in Shanghai on January 23, and who is at present an occupant in hospital, was yesterday night visited by the police while in bed.

A constable was put up in the room, and this morning was relieved by another constable, who is not allowed to let Neumann out of his sight. He was finally withdrawn this forenoon at 11 o'clock.

Last night the police searched Neumann's premises and did so again today.

The police refuse to give any information.

SOUTH AFRICAN DEPORTATIONS.

Labour Amendment Rejected.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

A telegram from Cape Town states that the Indemnity Bill was read a first time, after a Labour amendment, denouncing the deportations of the Labour leaders, had been rejected. The Labourites alone formed the minority.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Ruter's Cape Town correspondent in another telegram, asked his followers to suspend judgment pending a full statement by the Government.

Mr. Smuts, replying, pointed out that it was unusual to make a statement on the first reading. The Government would explain fully on Wednesday.

Mr. Crosswell, the Labour leader, virtually attacked the Government, which he accused of fostering unrest.

British Labour Party's Attitude.

LATER.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Leader of the Labour Party, announces that the deportation of labour leaders from South Africa will be the subject of an official amendment to the address when Parliament meets. The matter will also be tested in the Courts in an action against the owners and Captain of the *Ungent* for illegal detention.

Another Cabinet Meeting.

Another cabinet meeting was held today, previous to which, according to the newspapers, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and another member of the Labour Party conferred with Mr. Lloyd George regarding the deportations.

London Press Comment.

The "Westminster Gazette," (the powerful Liberal organ) in an emphatically worded leader on the proceedings in the South African Parliament, firmly upholds the attitude of Lord Gladstone throughout as the only Constitutional attitude. "His position is similar to that of the King in Great Britain, and his adoption of any other attitude would render constitutional influence between the Motherland and the Dominions hopeless."

The Gazette emphasises that very important questions of British citizenship are raised by the deportations, and desires that they should be thoroughly argued with all the Dominions to see if it be possible to arrive at a general principle to apply to all Britishers, including Asiatics. "The prospect, however, would be blasted if we started by challenging the rights of self-governing Dominions to provide for the public safety."

THE ATLANTIC RATE WAR.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

A telegram from Bremen states that overtures have already been made with a view to ending the Atlantic rate war. The Norddeutscher Lloyd Co. has consented to a prolongation of the agreement till the end of February in order to facilitate further negotiations, but the Hamburg-America Line has not yet replied.

THE ULSTER CRISIS.

Important Conference.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Mr. Asquith, Mr. John Redmond, and Mr. Augustine Birrell, the Secretary for Ireland, conferred for half an hour at Downing Street this afternoon and discussed the question of safeguards for Ulster.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuters' Service & The China Mail.)

CITY FIRM SUSPENDS PAYMENT.

HEAVY LIABILITIES ANTICIPATED.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

Messrs. Compagnie, Berthoud and Company, foreign bankers and merchants, London, announce suspension of payment.

The failure is stated to be due to the difficulties of an important firm in the Brazilian trade.

The liabilities are heavy.

GERMAN RAILWAY IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

The German railway from Dares. Alam to Lake Tanganyika, completed yesterday, will exercise an important influence on the economic future of Central Africa. The express trains will be able to cover the journey from the sea to the lake in two days.

ITALIAN CONSUL ARRESTED IN MEXICO.

LONDON, Feb. 4.

Signor Paparelli, the Italian Consul at Chihuahua, Mexico, has been arrested by the Federal troops.

The Italian Government is protesting.

LARGE ISSUE OF FRENCH BONDS AUTHORIZED.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Reuters' Paris correspondent telegraphs that the Budget Committee of the Chamber has authorized the Government to issue bonds to the value of 800,000,000 francs.

IMMIGRATION INTO AMERICA.

Exclusion of Hindus and Yellow Races.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

A telegram from Washington states that the House of Representatives have adopted an amendment to the Immigration Bill excluding Hindus, Mongolians, or members of the Yellow races, Malays, and Africans, except where their entry is governed by Treaty.

AMERICA'S ARBITRATION TREATIES.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Nearly all the papers are gratified by the favourable report of the Senate Committee upon the British, Japanese, and other Arbitration Treaties, and ratification is confidently expected.

BRITISH POLITICS.

General Election Expected in May.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Mr. Bonar Law, the leader of the Opposition, in a letter to the papers, states that he is convinced that a General Election is not far distant. Unionist headquarters have circulated the Party agents advising them to be ready for an election in May. It is pointed out that the Government is not only faced with the Ulster problem and the revolt over the Navy Estimates, but it is declared that many Liberals and Labourites will demand that the Royal Assent be refused to the South African Indemnity Bill.

THE SCHOOL TEACHERS' STRIKE.

Sympathetic Pupils.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Lively scenes are occurring in connection with the strike of school teachers in Herefordshire.

The pupils, resenting the presence of "strike-breaking teachers," overturned the desks, and scattered books and ink-pots broadcast.

There have been several collisions in the streets between striking and non-striking children, and they have had to be separated by their parents.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

(With Ts'ui Tai Po's Service.)

CHINA'S CURRENCY.

IMPROVEMENT LOAN TO BE NEGOTIATED.

PEKING, Feb. 3.

The President has notified the representatives of the Quintuple Group that he will proceed with the negotiations for a loan for the improvement of the paper currency in spite of the resignation of the Minister for Finance.

IMPORTANT OFFICIALS ARRESTED.

PEKING, Feb. 3.

In connection with the disappearance of the Yehol curies two officials have been arrested and another officer of high rank is said to be involved.

CHINA'S IMPORT DUTIES.

PEKING, Feb. 3.

It is reported in the capital that Great Britain, the United States, Belgium, Holland, Austria and Spain have shown their sympathy with China's request for the increase of the import duties.

GREAT BRITAIN AND TIBET.

PEKING, Feb. 3.

Chan Yee Fan, the pacification Commissioner in Tibet, has reported to his government that the negotiations in connection with the Tibetan treaty have been satisfactorily concluded. Great Britain will recognise the sovereignty of China, while the latter will grant the Tibetans a continuance of independent government and Great Britain is to be given special interests.

WHITE WOLF BANDITS.

Raid Three Cities.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3.

Operations have been commenced against the White Wolf bandits by Commander Ma's troops. The White Wolf and his robbers fled before the punitive army to Sun Hsiu, in Anhui Province, and seized and plundered three cities in the vicinity. Communication with the looted cities was interrupted by the cutting of the telephone wires.

Commander Cheong Hsun has asked the Military Department to increase his force by ten regiments on account of the soldiers required to suppress the White Wolf.

A NINE YEAR OLD MURDER.

An Arrest.

Nine years ago a man, described as a known desperado, named Chu Loi, alias Chu Tui, of the Wai Chau district, discharged revolver shots in Wong Nai Wu village, Yumai, which are alleged to have killed one man and wounded another.

Prisoner, who has just been arrested at Kowloon City, was this morning brought before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's Court on an indictment charging him with (1) murdering on March 11, 1905, Siu Ying, (2) maliciously wounding Siu Shu and (3) also with being in possession of arms and ammunition.

The first charge only was mentioned and to his prisoner pleaded not guilty, saying that he did not know the place mentioned.

On the request of Acting Inspector Trotter, accused was remanded in custody for a week.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN'S SOCIETY.

Two meetings were to have been held in January, the first was on January 13th and was a devotional meeting, the second was to have been on the 27th but as that day was a general holiday it was postponed to February 3rd when a paper was read on "Marriage and Divorce."

The following is the programme for the first half of this year—

February 10—"Week-Day Christianity," Symposium by Messrs. W. L. Paterson, W. Mayrick Humphreys, H. Sykes and Dr. Hoskyn.

February 24—Devotional Meeting.

March 10—Paper by the Hon. Mr. Claud Sower.

March 24—"Ceremonialism in the Church of England," by Mr. A. W. Smith.

April 7—Devotional Meeting.

April 21—Paper by Mr. F. G. White.

May 5—"The Early Training and Conversion of St. Paul," by Mr. A. S. Kempthorne.

May 19—Devotional Meeting.

June 2—"The Civilization of China," by Mr. W. Davies.

June 16—"The Lord's Own Service, the Chief Sunday Service," Symposium by Mr. J. J. Kennedy, St. Paul, China.

Mycock, J. Farley.

June 30—Devotional Meeting.

ANOTHER JUNK PIRACY.

MASTER THREATENED WITH CHOPPERS AND ROBBED.

Information of another piracy came to hand this morning. The master of the fishing junk 208 reports that at 11.30 a.m. on January 12 when near the island of Kung-Sua near Wang Hoi Chuen village two boats with six men in each drew alongside his junk. Two of the men were armed with choppers. They demanded money and took from the master \$8. They then sailed away in the direction of Chau Chow Wam.

The man has been arrested.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

Manager Accused of Stealing \$3,757.

At the Magistracy this morning, before Mr. Hazeland, Li Chung, the manager of the Fuk Sang Chung shop, No. 102, Wanchai, was charged with on divers dates during the month of February 1913 and January 1914, feloniously embezzling a sum of \$2,757.98 cents the property of the Fuk Sang Chung shop.

Mr. Dixon, from the office of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, prosecuted.

Prisoner who admitted embezzling the sum of \$1,850 was remanded for a week in order that the accounts might be examined.

NEW SHIRE LINE BOAT.

A Fine Cargo Steamer.

One of the finest cargo ships which has yet been seen in Hongkong is the *Cardiganshire*, of the Shire Line, now merged in the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, which came into harbour yesterday on her maiden voyage.

The first of five new steamers building off the Far Eastern and Pacific run the *Cardiganshire* is a vessel of 9,426 tons nett and is a fine advertisement for Messrs. Workman Clark and Co., the well-known Belfast builders, from whose yard all her sister-ships will come. Essentially a cargo steamer, the *Cardiganshire* embodies all the latest ideas for the speedy handling of cargo, and is quite the last word in this type of boat. Her full capacity is some 13,000 tons deadweight and the most modern of cranes and derrick equipments makes its handling an easy matter by day or night, when a very fine electric lighting installation is brought into use. An idea of the ship's facility for handling cargo can be gathered from the fact that there are thirty-one derricks on her decks, one being capable of lifting forty tons and another half as much, and that there are in addition twenty-two winches serving her seven holds.

Apart from this the ship marks an advance in several respects. Among the innovations, at any rate so far as ships trading to the Far East are concerned, is the fire-fighting installation which is of the very latest type. In the engine room is a small sulphur furnace fitted with duplicate pumps communicating with each hold, and as the pure air is extracted simultaneously with the admission of the gases any outbreak below, in whatever part of the ship, would have a small life once it was discovered.

Another modern fitment is the cold storage plant, which is of unusually large size to enable meat and other perishable cargo to be carried under ideal conditions. Wireless and a submarine signalling apparatus are installed.

Five hundred and fifteen feet long with a beam of 62 feet the *Cardiganshire* is a very roomy vessel, and her engines allow of an average speed of thirteen and a half knots being maintained. So far, owing to the provisions of an agreement which the company has entered into, no passengers are carried, but there is accommodation for 12 in the first-class, and 900 in the second-class, and 600 in the third-class.

Captain Warren, R.N.R., who is well-known in Hongkong as skipper of the *Monmouthshire*, has been given command of the vessel, and his officers include Chief Officer P. Cocks, R.N.R., who has been transferred from the South American run, and Chief Engineer Eckford, R.N.R., who is also no stranger in the port.

The *Cardiganshire*, it is interesting to note, was the first vessel to pass through the canal under the new rules which extend the maximum draft allowed to twenty-nine feet. She drew exactly this depth. Here Captain Warren had an experience unique in his twenty years' journeying to and from the East. A dense fog overhung the canal and so thick was it that the pilot declined to proceed, the ship being delayed twelve hours in consequence.

We understand that gradually all the old Shire steamers on this run are to be replaced by boats of the type of the *Cardiganshire*, which will take the names of the vessels which they displace. The second one, the *Campanian*, is due in May and following her will be the *Braden*, *Portsmouth* and another. The old *Campanian* and *Pembroke*, under the names of the *Chadler* and *Chippmole*, have been transferred to the South American service. The new boats will follow the present one in running right through from London to Vancouver via, Calcutta, the Straits, Far Eastern and Japanese ports.

MISSING SHIP'S OFFICER.

BODY RECOVERED FROM THE HARBOUR.

The decomposed body of a European, believed to be J. H. Henderson, 35 years of age and formerly second engineer of the *ss. Benlawers*, was found floating in the Harbour near the A. S. C. pier yesterday and conveyed to the Mortuary.

While the "Benlawers" was lying at Wanchai, Henderson disappeared mysteriously. He went aboard at 2.30 a.m. on Monday, January 20, and that was the last seen of him. About seven o'clock the same morning, it was noticed that a trail of blood led from his cabin door to the ship's side and on the apartment being opened a bloodstained razor was found in the bunk. Henderson had been in indifferent health for some time, and it is believed that he had inflicted a me injury upon himself and then fell or jumped overboard.

FULL COURT OF APPEAL.

Two appeals will be heard by the Full Court of Appeal which commences its sittings to-morrow, the first relating to a Chinese partner ship action. Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company are one of the parties in the second motion.

THE FORGED CHEQUE CASE.

\$8318 Involved.

Before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy this afternoon, Lee Mui, a Chinese hairdresser, residing in Wanchai, was charged with uttering a forged cheque for \$8,318, on the Chartered Bank.

Mr. Sayer, Assistant Captain Superintendent of Police, who prosecuted said the cheque was one of two blank cheques taken from Mr. Chan Kai Ming's cheque book. The cheque which was not the subject of that charge was presented at the bank about December 13 and the second cheque on December 24, and it was cashed. It was adorned with a forged signature. The blank cheque was found in possession of the defendant shortly before the cheque was presented and the conversation which he had with one of the witnesses was not an innocent one. After the cheque was presented the defendant was seen with a large roll of Chartered Bank notes in his possession.

Mr. Chan Kai Ming, manager of the Opium Farm, said his cheque book was kept in a safe under lock and key. Answering Mr. Crew, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, witness said that the counterfoils as well as the cheques had been removed.

Mr. Watson, of the Chartered Bank, admitted to Mr. Crew that the person who cashed the cheque knew, or had the assistance of an intimate knowledge of the bank.

The bank had ascertained the shroff who had paid out the money.

Mr. A. W. Smith, clerk, 4, Humphries Avenue, Kowloon, said he was authorised to sign cheques on behalf of Messrs. Moss and Co. The signature of the firm on the cheque was a clumsy imitation of Mr. Moss's signature.

Case proceeding.

DARING ROBBERY AT KOWLOON.

European Relieved of \$63.

Mr. H. A. Hindman, an assistant book-keeper in the employ of Messrs. S. J. David and Co., residing at 38, Canton Road, Kowloon, was on Saturday night attacked and robbed.

He was proceeding along the Canton Road and when near the Naval Department two men and a female suddenly sprang upon him. His assailants were either Portuguese or Indians but in the dusk of the evening it was impossible to say with certainty.

Mr. Hindman was relieved of \$63 in money.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR.

We are sorry, says "Church Notes," to receive the resignations from the Choir of some of its oldest supporters in Mrs. Dearly and Mr. W. Armstrong, both of whom have been connected with it for nearly twenty years. Also of Mrs. Goldsmith and Miss White; they have all rendered invaluable and willing service since they have been members of the Choir. This month we lose Masters T. and A. Martin who are leaving for England; the former has been principal solo for some time and in that capacity has done much useful work.

Mr. Denman-Follar's agreement with the Church Body has been renewed for three years. He goes to England on leave for nine months from the middle of February. During his absence Mr. J. W. White will act as organist. Mr. White hopes to have music from St. Martin's Cathedral on Good Friday night in the Cathedral and would be glad to hear from any ladies or gentlemen who are willing to sing in the chorus.

KENTISH SPORTSMAN'S WAGER.

A curious wager was won recently by Mr. G. Allen Tomkins, secretary of the Thane Hunt, who had offered to bet £10 that he would cover three miles in twenty minutes, walking one mile, running another, and riding the third. Mr. Robert Hodgman, of Ramsgate, took up the wager, and, on a measured mile at Stelling Minnis, near Canterbury, Mr. Tomkins, who is aged 33, essayed his task. In running costume and racing boots he ran the first mile in 16 min. 30 sec., and the second mile in 15 min. 30 sec., and mounting a chestnut cob, he galloped the third mile in 2 min. 40 sec., thus completing the three events in 19 min. 40 sec.

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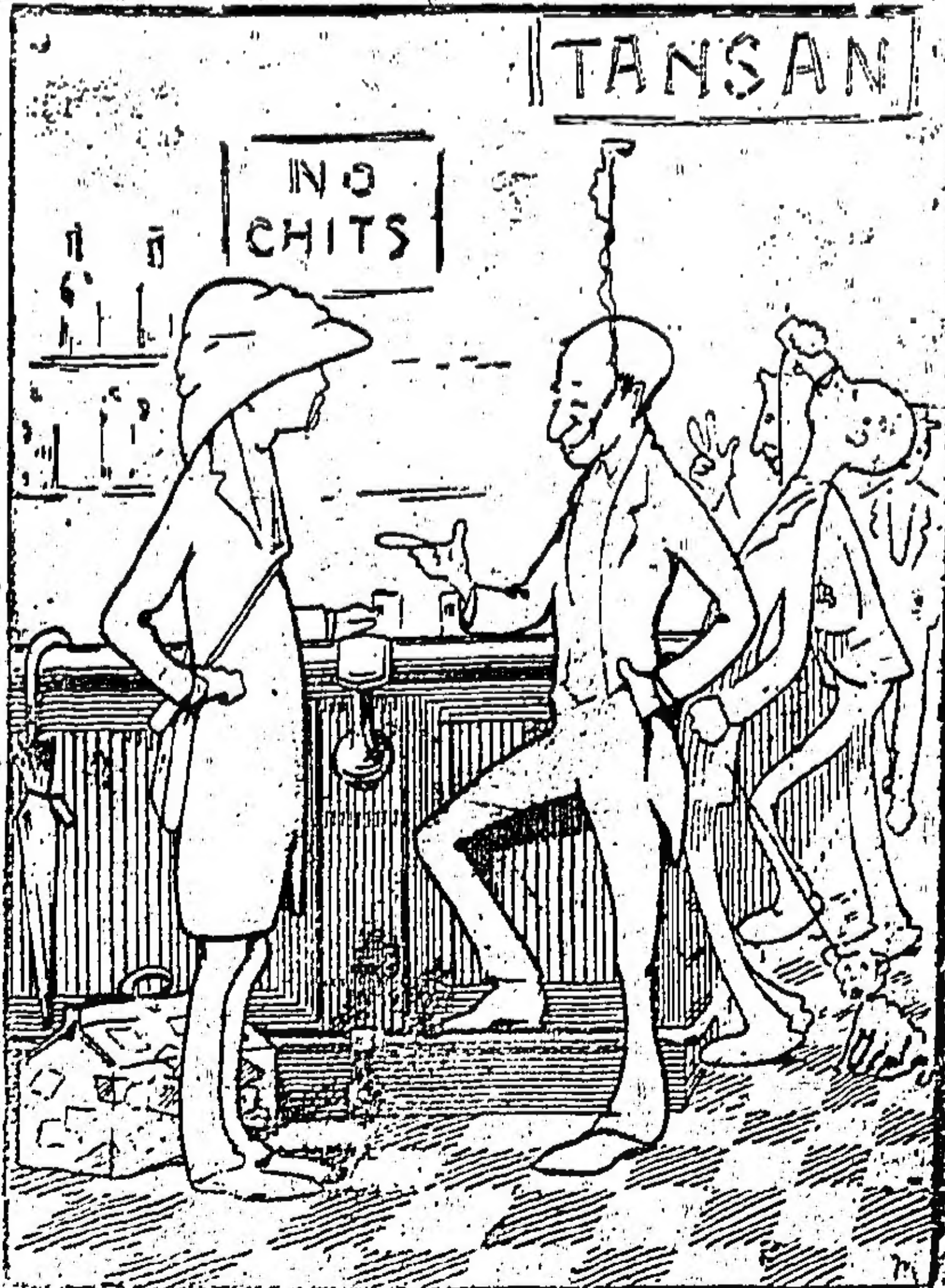
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January 20, *Ambrin, Italia, Sardinia*
January 23, *Nippon, Scandinavia, Allmark*
January 27, *Benader, Glenlogan, Klein*
January 30, *Alma Maru, Australien*
January 31, *Kama Maru, Kina*

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The N. D. L. s.s. *Darflinger* carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin at the 7th January, left Singapore on Saturday, the 31st January, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 5th February, 1914.
The C. P. R. Co.'s R.M.S. *Montezuma* left Yokohama between 12 and 2 p.m. on the 25th January.
The C. P. R. Co.'s R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on the 3rd Jan., a.m.

Other Vessels.

The I. C. S. M. Co., Ltd.'s s.s. *Swinglow* left Shanghai on the 1st February, due Hongkong on the 6th February.
The I. C. S. N. Co., Ltd.'s s.s. *Suzuki* left Moji on the 31st January, is due here on the 5th February.
The N. Y. K. s.s. *Komatsuru Maru* (Banyo Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 18th January, and is expected here on the 5th February.
The N. D. L. s.s. *Mark* left Singapore on Friday, the 30th January, a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 5th February, a.m.

The H. A. L. s.s. *Arcton* left Sabang on the 28th January, a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 14th February.
The H. A. L. s.s. *Spiris* left Singapore on the 31st January, a.m., and may be expected here on or about the 7th Feb., a.m.

The Danish s.s. *Indien* left Sabang on the 30th January, a.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 8th February.
The C. S. N. Co., Ltd.'s s.s. *Fookang* left Singapore on the 1st February, a.m., and is due here on the 8th February.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Nile* left Singapore on the 3rd Feb., at 3 p.m., and is due here on the 8th February, at noon.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Kumano Maru* (Australasian Line) left Melbourne for this port via Hongkong on the 14th January, and is expected here on the 9th Feb.
The U. S. N. Co., Ltd.'s s.s. *Wahing* left Sourabaya on the 2nd February, a.m., and is due here on the 12th February.
The H. A. L. s.s. *Althol* sailed from U.K. on 31st December, and is due to arrive here on or about the 14th Feb.

The N. Y. E. s.s. *Alti Maru* (American Line) left Seattle for this port via Hongkong on the 13th January, and is expected here on the 15th February.
The E. & A. s.s. *Alvina* left Sydney for this port on the 25th January via Queensland Ports, Port Darwin, Timor and Manila, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 21st Feb.

The Mogul Line s.s. *Pathan* sailed from U.K. on 25th January, and is due to arrive here on or about the 5th March.
The Barber Line s.s. *Saturna* sailed from New York on the 14th January, and is due to arrive here on or about the 14th March.
The American & Manchurian Line s.s. *City of Baroda* arrived at Baltimore on Sunday, the 25th January.
The Glen Line s.s. *Glenlogan* passed the Suez Canal on 27th January for Hongkong via Straits.

Latest Arrivals.
The O. P. R. Co.'s R.M.S. *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 2.30 a.m. on the 3rd February, and left again at 2 p.m. on the same day, due to arrive at Hongkong at 7 a.m. on the 6th February.
The E. & A. s.s. *Empire* from Sydney &c., left Manila for this port on the 2nd February, at 11 p.m., and may be expected to arrive here on Thursday morning, the 5th February, at daylight.

The Nippon Yusen Kumi s.s. *Riojen Maru* sailed from Sourabaya on the 30th Jan., and is due here on or about the 8th February.

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WANTED AT ONCE.

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S.S. "SHUNYO MARU"

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND SHANGHAI.

The above-named Steamer having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining on board on Feb. 6th at noon will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

No fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining on board on Feb. 13th, 1914 will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All cargo and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or in Godown, and examination of same to be held on Feb. 14th, 1914.

All Claims must be filed on or before Feb. 2nd, 1914, otherwise it will not be recognised.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY

HONGKONG DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

FEBRUARY 4, 1914.—a.m.

Station.

Hour.

Barometer at Sea Level.

Temperature.

Humidity.

Direction.

Force.

Weather.

V'lostok 7a. 30.33

Nemuro 8a. 29.97

Hakodate 9a. 30.05

Tokio 10a. 30.16

Kobe 11a. 30.33

Nagasaki 12a. 30.31

Raichuwa 1a. 30.31

Oshima 2a. 30.26

Naha 3a. 30.25

Ishijima 4a. 30.21

Bonin Island 5a. 30.08

Chao 6a. 30.26

Wei-hai-wei 7a. 30.26

Yankow 8a. 30.23

Chungking 9a. 30.23

Shanghai 10a. 30.23

Outlook 11a. 30.23

Amoy 12a. 30.23

Singapore 1a. 30.16

Taiwan 2a. 30.16

Tientsin 3a. 30.12

Kobe 4a. 30.12

Pescadore 5a. 30.14

Canton 6a. 30.11

Hongkong 7a. 30.12

Cap Rock 8a. 30.08

Macao 9a. 30.09

Wuchow 10a. 30.09

Fakhoi 11a. 30.09

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Tourane 2a. 30.09

C. St. James 3a. 30.09

Manila 4a. 30.09

Legaspi 5a. 30.09

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Bacolod 7a. 30.09

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